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JOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE BRIEF

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INSTALLATION: Tbilisi Communication Facility
LOCATION: 20 nm NNW of Tbilisi, USSR
B. E. NUMBER: None
WAC NUMBER: 325

BRIEF NO.: JB-26-58
DATE: 19 November 1958
LAT.: 42° 03' N
LONG.: 44° 41' E

ENCLOSURE: Sketch of facility

MAP DATA: ATMP 100-0325-9997-1-100

REMARKS:

A previously unreported communication facility appears on the extreme outer edge of the referenced photography. The installation, which is about 10,000 feet long and 3000 feet wide, is located near the small village of Dusheti, about 20 nm NNW of Tbilisi. There is a striking similarity between this facility and the so-called "serpentine" arrays at Alma-Ata, Novosibirsk, Stalinabad and Tashkent.*

Within a fenced area there are at least 35 self-supporting lattice towers ranging in height from 130 to 330 feet. These towers probably support a series of curtain arrays which are probably used for directionalized communication work. In addition to the probable curtain arrays, there is evidence of other antenna array construction including a possible rhombic and a rectangular area containing numerous mast and anchor bases. Two control buildings, each served by two cooling towers, and several support buildings are also present.

* Alma Ata was reported in CIA/B-7/58, [redacted] and Navy NT-PD-0003. Novosibirsk was reported in CIA/B-6/58 and [redacted] Stalinabad was reported in Navy NT-PD-0004 and [redacted] Tashkent was reported in [redacted] and AF DPIR-12-57 (Item No. 1).

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